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**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for determining triggering of a polling request in a wireless communications protocol for a transmitter, the transmitter capable of transmitting protocol data units (PDUs), each PDU comprising an n-bit sequence number, the method comprising:

~~providing a polling determination method that determines if polling should be performed; and~~

~~causing polling to be triggered only if a PDU that is to be transmitted is not a re-transmitted PDU and the polling determination method indicates that polling is to be triggered.~~ JSam Jiang This is the major point of this patent. Can it be stated as an independent claim? I am thinking that "the equation with S" may not be accepted by 3GPP but the "not a re-transmitted PDU" concept will be accepted.

providing a polling value beyond which polling is to be triggered;

obtaining a base sequence number VT(A), the base sequence number VT(A)

marking a beginning sequence number of a transmitting window of the transmitter;

obtaining a first value that is  $(2^n + 1)$  added to a difference of a parameter S and the base sequence number VT(A), wherein the parameter S is the n-bit sequence number of a PDU that is to be transmitted;

obtaining a second value that is a modulus of the first value with  $2^n$ ;

obtaining a test value that is the second value divided by a size of the transmitting window; and

causing polling to be triggered if the test value is greater than the polling value and if the PDU that is to be transmitted is not a re-transmitted PDU.

Claim 2 (canceled)

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Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim [[2]] 1 wherein polling is to be triggered if the test value is equal to the polling value.

- 5 Claim 4 (currently amended): The method of claim [[2]] 1 wherein the polling value indicates a percentage of PDUs in the transmitting window that have been transmitted by the transmitter.